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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides a process for the preparation of substantially racemic 2-[(2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)ethyl)thio]-3-[4-(2-{4-[(methylsulfonyl)oxy]phenoxy}ethyl)phenyl]-propanoic acid which comprises reacting 2-[(2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)ethyl)thio]-3-[4-(2-{4-[(methylsulfonyl)oxy]phenoxy}ethyl)phenyl]propanoic acid enriched in one enantiomer with a base in an inert solvent.